

**TOWN OF GRANBY
GRANBY PREVENTION COUNCIL
MINUTES
March 3, 2014**

PRESENT: Kathy Sutton, Kerry Kielbasa, Aaron DeLaRoche, Captain William Tyler, Christopher Poehnert, Michael Garcia, Jeffrey Rackliff, Deborah Lindsey-Lombardi, & AnneMarie Cox

ABSENT: Pastor Al Royal, Wende Cooper, Barbara Kei, Stephen Kei, James Veirs, Holly Johnson, Pat Law, David Tolli, Jean Keating, Jennifer Kertanis,

AnneMarie Cox called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PUBLIC SESSION

None

MINUTES

ON A MOTION by Michael Garcia, seconded by Kathy Sutton, the council approved the minutes of the November 4, 2013 meeting as written. (Unanimous)

ACCEPTANCE OF CONSENT AGENDA

Accepted

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Governance:

No Report

Events:

No Report

Marketing

No Report

OLD BUSINESS

Focus Group – Michael Garcia and AnneMarie Cox met with the first group of high school kids. They said the kids shared a lot of opinions openly. They (kids) said they feel there is nothing that can be done to stop the risky behaviors. There is another focus group scheduled. Aaron DeLaRoche thinks that parents should start talking to their children about risky behaviors at a younger age. He feels that once they are older (MS/HS age) they start thinking/acting for themselves.

Kathy Sutton read a book “A Tribe Apart” by Patricia Hersch. The author gets a look “inside” look at where teens hang out, what they do, etc.

Jeffrey Rackliff stated that he thinks kids would respond to interventions (i.e. don’t text and drive) if they are able to associate a face with the situation.

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Upcoming programs:

You Matter – March 27th from 6:00pm – 7:30pm. General prevention, dinner w/be served, babysitting is also available.

Bob Anastas – Students Against Drunk Driving – coming to speak on April 3. Hartford Distributors is the sponsor. Parents are encouraged to attend with their kids.

YMCA Granby Road Race – May 3rd. It will include a Family Resource Fair with a presence from Senior Center, Granby Recreation, Youth Services Bureau, GECC, GPC, E. Granby, Suicide Prevention.

Survey Results – Kerry Kielbasa said that she is happy to share the results with families in Granby but Youth Services does not have the funds to do a mailing. It is, however, available electronically if someone wishes to receive it that way.

Kathy Sutton has a conversation with Jean Keating. She wants to do a write up about the GPC for the Chamber of Commerce but she isn't sure what she should say. A discussion ensued regarding the need to have a paragraph about what the GPC is about and include that with the result from the survey.

GPC would like to start having meetings with parents of children in 5-8 grades.

“Are You Smarter than a Granby Student” fundraiser – the GPC is interested in possibly partnering with YSB for this fundraiser.

NEW BUSINESS

Michael Garcia told the group about “Ted Talk” which is a series of youtube videos (each only a few minutes long) about various subjects. The thought is that maybe the GPC could create some covering several topics (marijuana use and its risks, alcohol consumption, etc).

Debbie Lindsey-Lombardi said that she didn't think simply having 3 meetings with teens throughout the year would make a big impact when it comes to risky behaviors. Possibly posters – something that they see every day?

ADJOURNMENT

ON A MOTION by Michael Garcia and seconded by AnneMarie, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30p.m. (Unanimous)

Respectfully submitted,

Daphne Shinder
Recording Secretary